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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German OS 198 28 003

AM German OS 39 33 142

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited by the German Patent and trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. English translations of these references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of those references has an English Abstract attached thereto, which constitute a summary of its teachings.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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